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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: LONDON BILATERAL MEETING WITH CARAMANLIS

REF: STATE 95686

1. ON RECEIPT REFTEL I GOT IN TOUCH WITH MOLYVIATIS WHO CONSULTED WITH PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS. MOLYVIATIS HAS NOW CALLED ME BACK WITH MESSAGE THAT "SINCE THE PRIME MINISTER'S REQUEST COULD NOT BE ACCOMMODATED HE WILL GO ALONG WITH THE PROPOSED TIME" OF 7:45 A.M. TUESDAY, MAY 10.

2. I EXPLAINED AGAIN, AS I HAD FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF REFTEL, THAT I UNDERSTOOD A MAJOR EFFORT HAD BEEN MADE TO ACCOMMODATE CARAMANLIS' REQUEST BUT THAT IT SIMPLY WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE A MEETING ON MAY 9. I ADDED THAT I WAS SURE THE PRESIDENT WOULD APPRECIATE CARAMANLIS' ACCEPTANCE OF THE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED TIME AND WAS VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING AND TALKING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER.

3. I INQUIRED AGAIN ABOUT POSSIBLE SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS
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WITH CLARK CLIFFORD BUT MOLYVIATIS SAID THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER COMMENT ON THAT UNTIL NEXT WEEK AT THE EARLIEST, FOLLOWING BITSIOS' RETURN FROM STRASBOURG.

4. COMMENT: I BELIEVE WE HAVE DONE AS WELL AS WE CAN WITH CARAMANLIS AT THIS POINT. HE IS REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO AND PLACING GREAT STORE ON HIS MEETING WITH

THE PRESIDENT. HOWEVER, GIVEN HIS MONUMENTAL EGO AND
EASILY BRUISED PRIDE, I RECOMMEND THAT AN APPROPRIATE
EFFORT BE MADE AT SOME POINT IN LONDON TO STROKE HIM AND
EXPRESS SPECIAL APPRECIATION FOR HIS ACCEPTANCE OF A
MEETING TIME WITH THE PRESIDENT WHICH HE DID NOT
CONSIDER CONVENIENT. KUBISCH

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